

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 14, 2008. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 16, 18, 19, 24 and 25 are pending in the application, with Claims 24 and 25 having been newly-added herein. Claims 1 and 16 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,251,489 (Beasley) or U.S. Patent No. 7,313,631 (Sesmun), and Claims 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Beasley or Sesmun, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,281 (Seo). The rejections are traversed.

In this regard, Applicant notes that Beasley has a U.S. filing date of November 3, 2003. Moreover, Beasley is a continuation of parent Application No. PCT/US02/13880 filed on May 2, 2002, which claims domestic priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/288,296 filed on May 2, 2001. Each of the foregoing filing dates post-dates the October 18, 2000 Japanese priority date for the subject application. Thus, in light of Applicant's prior submission on March 5, 2008 of a sworn translation of the present application's priority document, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-318518, it is respectfully submitted that Beasley is not prior art to the subject application.

In addition, Applicant notes that Sesmun has an effective filing date of June 11, 2002 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), which also post-dates the subject application's filing date. Thus, it is also respectfully submitted that Sesmun is not prior art to the subject application. Accordingly, the rejections are traversed.

Nonetheless, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable over the cited art for at least the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to registering identification data by a management device connecting a communication control device and a management center. Among other features of the invention, a management device transmits an information signal to a communication control device using an identifier of the management device and an identifier of the communication control device, receives the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from a management center that manages the communication control device, and registers, in a memory, the received identifier of the management device, and the received identifier of the communication control device.

Referring specifically to claim language, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a management device for connecting a communication control device and a management center. The management device includes wireless communication means for wirelessly transmitting an information signal to the communication control device using an identifier of the management device and an identifier of the communication control device. The management device further includes memory means for storing the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device, which are used for wirelessly transmitting the information signal to the communication control device. In addition, the management device includes reception means for receiving the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from the management center that manages the communication control device. The management device also includes registration means for registering, in the memory means, the identifier of the management device received by the reception means, and the identifier of the communication control device received by the reception means.

Amended independent Claim 16 is directed to a method for registering identification data, the method being performed by a management device connecting a communication control device and a management center. The method includes the steps of performing wireless transmission of information signals to the communication control device using an identifier of the communication control device and an identifier of the management device, receiving the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from the management center that manages the communication control device, and registering, in a memory, the identifier of the management device received in the reception step, and the identifier of the communication control device received in the reception step.

The applied references, alone or in any permissible combination, are not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of Claims 1 and 16, and in particular, are not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a management device transmitting an information signal to a communication control device using an identifier of the management device and an identifier of the communication control device, receiving the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from a management center that manages the communication control device, and registering, in a memory, the identifier of the management device received, and the identifier of the communication control device received.

While it is submitted that Beasley is not prior art to the subject application as noted above, it is also submitted that Beasley fails to teach the features of the invention. In this regard, Beasley is seen to disclose a method performed by a network access point, such as a short-range wireless communications switch or Bluetooth base station unit, to

provide a neighbor list for neighboring short-range wireless communications switches or network access points in a communications network. The method includes sending at least one signal to neighboring wireless devices, receiving a response signal from at least one neighboring short-range wireless switch, and identifying the one neighboring short-range wireless switch based on the received response signal. The method further includes providing a neighbor list that identifies the one neighboring short-range wireless switch. (See Abstract of Beasley). However, Beasley is not seen to disclose a management device transmitting an information signal to a communication control device using an identifier of the management device and an identifier of the communication control device, receiving the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from a management center that manages the communication control device, and registering, in a memory, the identifier of the management device received, and the identifier of the communication control device received.

While it is further submitted that Sesmun is not prior art to the subject application as noted above, it is also submitted that Sesmun fails to teach the features of the invention. In this regard, Sesmun is seen to disclose a communication network which includes a name server for a home domain, a name server for a foreign domain, and a mobile terminal. In Sesmun, a name, a permanent address, and a care-of-address are allocated to the mobile terminal and stored in the home domain name server. As the mobile terminal moves from its home domain to a foreign domain, the care-of-address changes and the home domain is updated with a new care-of-address. When a correspondent wishes to communicate with the mobile terminal, a query is launched to the name server and the address returned is the new care-of-address. The correspondent then

uses the new care-of-address to send packets of data to the mobile terminal. (See Abstract, column 4 lines 47 to 52, and column 5, lines 3 to 13 of Sesmun). In contrast, in the present invention, a management device transmits an information signal to a communication control device using an identifier of the management device and an identifier of the communication control device, receives the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from a management center that manages the communication control device, and registers, in a memory, the identifier of the management device received, and the identifier of the communication control device received.

Seo is not seen to cure the above described deficiencies of Sesmun and/or Beasley. In this regard, Seo is merely seen to disclose a key input controller for a cable television, wherein if a user wants to input or change the password for a channel, a key pad attached to the main body of a television, or a remote controller is used to control the password through a simple operation of the key. (See column 1, lines 25 to 30 of Seo). However, Seo is not seen to add anything that, when combined with Sesmun and/or Beasley, would have resulted in at least the features of a management device transmitting an information signal to a communication control device using an identifier of the management device and an identifier of the communication control device, receiving the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from a management center that manages the communication control device, and registering, in a memory, the identifier of the management device received, and the identifier of the communication control device received.

In view of the foregoing, all of Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 16, 18, 19, 24 and 25 are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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